



**irtec**

**Accreditation for road  
transport technicians**



**irtec, the industry-recognised  
benchmark of competence**

[www.irtec.org.uk](http://www.irtec.org.uk)



## Assessing competence

irtec is an independent accreditation scheme that assesses the competence of technicians working in the commercial vehicle, trailer and passenger carrying industries.

Developed by industry experts to raise standards in road transport, irtec is recognised as the industry benchmark of competence that provides technicians with formal acknowledgment of their skills.

irtec is a voluntary scheme that demonstrates an employer's commitment to excellence, vehicle maintenance and safety.

irtec also demonstrates confidence in the technical competence of technicians.

With levels from Service Maintenance to Master Technician, irtec provides a complete career path for technicians, giving both employers and technicians a dedicated route to career progression.

An irtec licence certifies the individual, rather than the employer, and as licences expire after five years, technicians prove their current competence against assured standards.

irtec is delivered by a partnership that includes IRTE (Institute of Road Transport Engineers), The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) and IMI Awards.

### **Beverley Bell, Senior Traffic Commissioner**

**"Accreditation through the irtec scheme will not only enhance the reputation of the commercial vehicle industry and give aspiring technicians a recognised career path, but will also actively improve standards of vehicle maintenance and consequently road safety."**

## Benefits to employers and technicians

As an indicator of best practice and competence, irtec provides recognition and opportunities for professional development.

### **Employers**

Show your commitment to compliance and standards

- Identify any training needs
- Maintain confidence in technicians' skills
- Boost customer confidence in vehicle safety
- Gain a competitive advantage
- Prove commitment to the professional development of staff

### **Technicians**

Be recognised as a competent professional

- Gain recognition of skills and technical expertise
- Prove current competence
- Appear on the irtec register
- Demonstrate commitment to professional development
- Receive a free Halfords Trade Card



## How to get accredited

Whether you are an employer or an individual wanting to take part in irtec, the process is simple.

Centres are based all over the UK. Visit [www.irtec.org.uk](http://www.irtec.org.uk) to find a centre near you and contact them directly.

Discuss your requirements with the assessment centre and they will provide a cost based on your specific needs.

In order to achieve an irtec licence, technicians must carry out an underpinning knowledge test before completing a practical assessment.

Practical assessments are carried out at irtec-approved centres, although they can be carried out in the workplace (under controlled conditions) by an irtec-approved assessor.

irtec technicians agree to abide by the irtec code of conduct, and once accredited receive a licence card, certificate and are placed on the irtec technicians register at [www.irtec.org.uk](http://www.irtec.org.uk).

Please note that a registration fee is payable for each irtec level.

## irtec levels

### Large Commercial Vehicle

- Service Maintenance Technician
- Inspection Technician
- Advanced Technician
- Master Technician

### Bus and Coach

- Service Maintenance Technician
- Inspection Technician
- Advanced Technician
- Master Technician

### Heavy Vehicle Trailer

- Service Maintenance Technician
- Inspection Technician

### Gary Crookes, Group Engineering Training Manager, FirstGroup

“The irtec licence levels of Inspection Technician, Advanced Technician and Master Technician now set the training programme for FirstGroup technicians, helping us ascertain what developments in training are needed, and letting us set a proper career path for our engineers.”

### Find out more

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[www.irtec.org.uk](http://www.irtec.org.uk)

irtec assessments are regularly reviewed by industry experts to ensure they continue to reflect current industry practice.

**Alastair Peoples, Chief Executive VOSA**

“Reflecting technical and legislative changes, irtec is one of the building blocks required to achieve total performance and compliance.”



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